

From the Quarterdeck Lud Kimbrough, Commodore



Welcome and thank you to all members, volunteers, and new and returning Board members. Special thanks go to Jay Buhl, who continued the initiatives of

commodores Strother Scott, Dick Cole, and David Hazlehurst to remake FBYC into a physical facility almost at par with the great sailors who call this home port. Untold hours have been contributed by so many of you, for which we are all grateful, and based on the Treasurer's report delivered at our annual meeting we should feel confident that your Board has learned to properly care for, as well as pay for, this great facility.

There will be no change in dues and fees for 2006. Your Board unani-

mously approved this recommendation made by the Finance Committee. We are on our intended course to pay off the debt for our land acquisition in seven years. We will continue to improve our race management and racing schedule (more about this in a minute). And we're going to fix stuff that's broken or at least not quite what it should be for our quality sailing program.

The Five Key Objectives for FBYC developed by Jay remain substantially unchanged for 2006. We will continue to closely manage our operations and spending, we will complete our Long Range Plan after conducting a comprehensive member survey this winter, we will monitor and tightly manage our capital spending, the new land will be made more useful and beautiful, and we will intensely focus on ways to improve sailing participation (in November, for example, two FBYC representatives attended a US Sailing session in Annapolis to help us improve participation).

My goals for 2006 are quite simple: all programs and facilities at FBYC should be stable, capable, and reliable. Those of you familiar with Quality programs recognize these objectives and in fact I bet every one of you who has prepared your boat for a race or cruise has sought the same in your vessel. What does it mean for FBYC?

- Stability - routines and checklists have been under development by many of your committees responsible for everything from chase boat preparation to personnel re-

views to annual awards. With a volunteer rotating Board and daily changes in event management staff, "stable don't come easy" but we've already made good progress and we're going to keep doing better. When you step into a volunteer position the first thing you should do is ask for someone else's checklist, then improve it and pass it on.

- Capable staffing is a tremendous challenge in a volunteer organization but look at what's been accomplished and what's under way. Last year and already in planning for 2006 are training sessions for race committee management and piloting Mr. Roberts. We saw highly-capable Junior instructors launch our Club's junior program to a whole new level of fun and competitiveness, and we are aggressively seeking similar top-level instructors for next year. We have many repeat Board members this year combined with talented new members, so we can leverage the experience of those who've spent a year or two managing our assets while also bringing fresh skill sets to bear for FBYC. Every member has certain skills that can make substantial contribution to our Club, an incredible resource of capabilities.

- Reliability has sometimes been a challenge for our Club because we have been growing recently and have been financially challenged to attend to our legacy assets. Bulkheads will be repaired, we will add a new mark boat for better and safer race management, newly laid-out one-design parking on the new land

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Board Meeting Highlights

November 10, 2005

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Commodore Jay Buhl.

REAR COMMODORE – ALLAN HEYWARD

HOUSE – John Koedel, Jr. advised that end-of-year touch-up painting and maintenance to the main clubhouse and to Fannie's House are underway. Dixon has replaced the porch screens.

DOCKS – Ric Bauer reported that all slips are rented and there is a waiting list. The drysail area is in

good shape and has room for more boats. On October 31, the voting members of the Board were asked to vote by e-mail, in lieu of a special meeting of the Trustees, on a Resolution authorizing and directing the Flag Officers to proceed with contracting for the completion of Phase One of Jackson Creek Bulkhead Replacement on the terms outlined in the Proposal to Proceed with Phase One Bulkhead Replacement dated October 28, 2005. The Flag Officers unanimously endorsed and recommended the passage of the Resolution, which was passed by e-mail vote.

GROUNDS – Strother Scott advised that he would apply for a construction permit as soon as Bay Design completes the survey for the new road location. Lud Kimbrough reported that the two dead trees on the property would be taken down within a week or two.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – Strother Scott reported that they are still working on the survey to send to the membership.

FINANCE – Mason Chapman presented the 2006 Budget and stated that the Board would be asked to approve the Operating Budget. The Finance Committee recommended no increase in the dues, fees and initiation for 2006. He discussed each section of the budget and answered questions from the Board. John Koedel moved that the 2006 Operating Budget be approved as presented; second by Strother Scott; motion passed.

WINTER PROGRAMS – Cam Hoggan has arranged for John Rousmaniere to speak at the February 10 winter program. The Bermuda High Party has a tentative date of March 3 and will be held at Strother Scott's home.

PUBLICITY – Izumi Miller sent out race results and other information about the fall races and regattas to various media outlets.

HISTORIAN – Jere Dennison reported that Mike Karn and Doug Magargee installed the new bookcase in the room that will become the Dan Austin Library. Jere could use more books. He is collecting pledges now.

OPERATIONS MANAGER – Allan Heyward and Ric Bauer conducted Dixon Cole's annual job review. Dixon did an excellent job during his first year and will be back.

VICE COMMODORE – LUD H. KIMBROUGH, III





FLEET CAPTAIN – Noel Clinard, 2006 Fleet Captain, is beginning to put together next year's activities. The first Sailing Events meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 14. The goal is to have the schedule completed by mid-December.

ONE DESIGN DIVISION – Sharon Bauer advised that 17 boats participated in the Fall Series. She has discussed the parking layout with interested members and received good feedback. The small boat lot should be ready with designated parking spots by spring. Walt Bryde expressed appreciation of Jon Deutsch for his help during the season.

CRUISING DIVISION – Wayland Rennie is working on next year's 3-week trip to Italy and Tony Sadowski will be sending out information soon.

FLEET LT. – Brooks Zerkel advised that *Mr. Roberts* is set to go into dry dock for the winter.

CBYRA DELEGATE – Tom Roberts reported that CBYRA scheduling has begun and he has given Lin McCarthy the dates of our major regattas. CBYRA is updating their Bylaws and there will be a special meeting to discuss and approve them. The Annual General Meeting will be held the first weekend in December.

| 2006 BYC Officers | |
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|  | Commodore Lud Kimbrough |
|  | Vice-Commodore Alan Heyward |
|  | Rear-Commodore Ric Bauer |
|  | Treasurer Paul W. Howle, III |
|  | Secretary Steve Gillispie |
|  | Log Streamer Vic DeNunzio |

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OLD BUSINESS – Ric Bauer moved that the Board approve a policy requiring that each member occupying a FBYC wet slip, drysail storage spot, parking or rack space in the small boat parking lot or a rack in the dinghy rack area sign a “Slip/Storage Lease Agreement” substantially in the form of, and containing the substantive terms set forth in the proposed lease circulated to the Board members prior to the meeting. Ric then opened the floor for discussion. Under the proposed policy and lease, members leasing slips on the Jackson Creek docks and parking spots in the keelboat drysail area, but not members leasing parking or rack space in the small boat parking lot and dinghy rack area, are required to provide the club evidence of insurance. All members storing boats at the club will be required to sign the lease each year. A separate form will be developed for use by transients. David Hazlehurst seconded the motion; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS – Mayo Tabb and Ric Bauer are working on the electrical situation on the docks. Some owners have asked for 50-amp service. Mayo favors making it available to those who want it at a cost of \$250 per year, with the ability to easily convert back to 30-amp. Only the outer eight slips on the east and middle docks would be converted. Mayo will report back to the Board about this when more details have been worked out.

Eric Powers recommended that the club consider the purchase of an AED defibrillator. Lud advised that this is one of the safety issues Noel Clinard has been asked to look into.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. ☺



MEMBERSHIP

APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP - The Membership Committee met with these applicants on November 1 and recommends that they be added to the Waiting List.

Arthur, Mr. Thomas M. (Tom), 2200 Boulder Run Place, Richmond, VA, 23238. Tom is the owner of a new Mobjack. He volunteered for race committee at the Mobjack Nationals and met a number of FBYC members. Further investigation into the number of CBYRA-sanctioned events and club management led him to the decision that FBYC was the club he should join. Sponsors: Jerry Desvernine; Miles Booth; Michael W. Dale.

Roos, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. (Joe & Wendy), 10261 Berkeley Manor Drive, Mechanicsville, VA, 23116. Joe sailed dinghies, catamarans and daysailers from an early age. Joe and Wendy now sail a Hunter 33.5 with their two children, Conrad (age 10) and Eric (9). Conrad and Eric were both enrolled in the Middlesex YMCA Community Sailing Program hosted by FBYC this past summer and both boys are very interested in participating in the Junior program. Sponsors: James D. Black; Joseph L. Dennison, Jr.

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Dixon Cole - Job Well Done

John Koedel, Jr.
On Friday evening October 22nd Docks Chairman, Ric Bauer, House Chairman, John Koedel and Grounds Chairman, Chip Hall and their spouses held a dinner to thank Dixon Cole for all his great work for the Club this year. THANK YOU DIXON. ☺



Southern Bay Fundraiser Scores Among Top of Nation

Lud Kimbrough and Judy Buis

Last July's Southern Bay Leukemia Cup Regatta raised over \$200,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America, making this 7th Annual event one of the top fundraisers in the nation. The event, hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club, York River Yacht Club, and Stingray Harbor Marina, featured a variety of sailing and other boating activities for children, high-school students, and adults. Over 55 sponsors and more than 80 volunteers helped make the event so successful. This year's July 8-9 event weekend featured a special visit by the newly-constructed Schooner Virginia in addition to an auction at the Deltaville Fire Station, sailboat racing in both Offshore and Classic Yacht divisions, powerboat and kayak events, and a Junior Olympic Sailing Festival.

Event co-organizer Judy Buis recently attended a conference of Leukemia Cup organizers, where she was asked to speak to attendees about how the Southern Bay event has gotten to be so successful. "They were all curious as to how a small yacht club in a very small town could be so successful. By the end of my presentation, they all knew our success was due to the dedication of my great committee and the continued support and generosity of our sponsors and participants."

The event has made a great impact in working toward the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society's ultimate goal, to cure all blood related cancers. Buis wished to thank the members of FBYC, YRYC, Stingray Harbor Marina, and the surrounding communities for contributing so greatly to this event: "The survivors thank you, and the researchers thank you for giving them the opportunity to work on vital research."

In 2004, 47 sailing communities, involving 17,000 participants from

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2005 PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

Henry E. Hutcheson, Jr. Memorial Trophy

- awarded to the Optimist skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-club races – **Madeleine Alderman**



Commodore's Bowl - awarded on an alternating year basis to the outstanding skipper in Offshore and One-Design events for the year based on performance and participation – **D. Bradford Miller**, Offshore Division skipper



Baker Bowl

- presented to the Mobjack skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-Club races – **Cheryl Desvernine**



Blanton Bowl - awarded to the Laser skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-Club races – **Jonathan M. Deutsch**



Roberts Bowl - awarded to the Junior sailor who has shown the most interest in sailing as evidenced by enthusiasm, improvement in sailing techniques, awareness of the rules of water safety, and cooperation with the members of the Junior Activities program – **Daniel Bagbey**

Nott Memorial Trophy - awarded to the yacht finishing the greatest number of FBYC sponsored MORC events during the calendar year – **Mark G. Wensell**, skipper of *Mojo*

Hicks Trophy

- awarded to the winner of the FBYC's one-design long distance



race – **Meg Roberts**

Reid A. Dunn Trophy - awarded to the member of the Junior Program between the ages of 14 and 18 who has demonstrated outstanding sailing abilities by placing highest in FBYC races during the regular racing season – **Alex O'Toole**

L. Wood Bedell Trophy - awarded to the FBYC sailor under the age of 14 who is the highest finisher in FBYC races during the regular season – **Alex Jacob**



Potts Southern Bay Challenge Cup

- awarded to the team of boats having the lowest total points during the Stingray Point Regatta .**FBYC**

Piankatank Trophy - awarded to the skipper who most exemplifies the principle that "all is not lost until the boat sinks" – **Alexander Alvis, III**



Performance Trophy - awarded to the FBYC yacht finishing the greatest number of Club-sponsored PHRF races –

Schiehallion, D. Bradford Miller

Matthew Fontaine Maury Bowl

- awarded for outstanding contributions to FBYC – **R. Noel Clinard**



Patrick A. Gibson Memorial Trophy

- awarded to the one-design class showing the highest level of participation in Club events during the sailing season – **Front Runner Class, Fleet Captain Matthew J. Braun**

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Offshore Division Championship

Trophy - awarded to the skipper of the outstanding Offshore Division yacht having the best high point score in FBYC-sponsored events - **David S. Hinckle**, skipper of *Elancer*



Chesapeake Laser Masters Championship Trophy - awarded to the winner of a series of races in Lasers sailed by persons 35 years of age or older - **James L. Jacob** (FBYC)

Windward Start Trophy - awarded to the PHRF B yacht with the best score in the Fall Series *Shenanigan*, skipper **Miles W. Booth**



Barber Trophy - awarded to the MORC and J-24 skippers who beat the most competitors during the regular racing season - MORC skipper **Michael W. Karn**, sailing *Insatiable*, and J-24 skipper **Mark G. Wensell**, sailing *Mojo*

Allen B. Fine Trophy - awarded to the outstanding crewman of a FBYC yacht - **Kenney Cobb**



Competition Trophy - awarded to the skipper who has most successfully represented FBYC in sailboat racing events conducted by other yacht clubs during the past year - **Marie Crump**

Young Salt Trophy - awarded to the Junior FBYC Optimist sailor having the highest overall standing in Club Junior Regattas - **Kyle Swenson**

Hubard Trophy - awarded to the outstanding woman sailor of FBYC - **Sharon Bauer**



Caroline Collins Trophy - awarded to the young lady having the highest standing in the FBYC Junior Regattas - **Sophie Massie**



Sportsmanship Trophy - awarded to the Offshore Division skipper who displays the best sportsmanship in the regular racing season - **D. Bradford Miller**



Fishing Bay Challenge Bowl (Commodore names designation each year) - awarded to an **Optimist sailor** excelling in FBYC events and away events - **Madeleine Alderman**



Brenton S. Halsey, Jr. Memorial Trophy - awarded to the winner of the Stingray Point Regatta **Lloyd E. Griffin, Jr.** (OBSA)

Junior Competition Trophy - awarded to the Junior skipper who has most successfully represented FBYC in sailboat racing events conducted by other yacht clubs or associations during the regular racing season - **Austin Powers**

Annual Race Committee Trophy - awarded to the FBYC member who has made the greatest contribution to race committee work



L. Brooks Zerkel, Jr.

Wavland W. Rennie Cruising Trophy - awarded to a FBYC member in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Cruising Division - **Victor G. & Jane DeNunzio**

Up and Coming Trophy - awarded to a young sailor who has shown great promise on and around the racecourse - **Kendall Swenson** ☺

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California to Maine, staged Leukemia Cup regattas that fetched \$2.8 million and gave hope to the 712,000 Americans fighting leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

This year, the Virginia Maritime Heritage Foundation generously provided the Schooner Virginia for sightseeing during the event weekend, and many visitors to Virginia made financial contributions to the fundraising campaign of the Leukemia Cup event. An example of the community support the event received is the following story one organizer related: "We needed to ferry visitors to the Virginia, but we needed an inflatable to do so because you can't risk scratching her beautiful wooden hull. I called Tow Boat US Gwynn's Island, spoke to the owner about what we were doing, and he said, 'Sure, I'll be glad to bring my boat over and help. I'll get my partner to use my other boat if someone calls for a tow.'"

Next year's Leukemia Cup event will offer two days' of offshore sailing, which organizers hope will attract an even greater number of participants from throughout the Bay area. ☺

OCEAN CRUISING CLUB NEWS
John Koedel, Jr.

On Friday and Saturday October 14th and 15th the OCC held its 2005 USA(SE) Rendezvous at Fanny's House. FBYC members.

Tim Blackwood and John Koedel sponsored the event. They joined the OCC following their sailing trip from Deltaville to Antigua in 1996 aboard WINGS.

OCC membership requires an ocean passage of 1,000 nautical miles or more on a sailboat less than 70 feet over all. Most of the members present met the qualification in an Atlantic crossing or passages to the Caribbean. Forty-two OCC members were present. Eighteen of who arrived by boat. ☺

Staggered Start

Strother Scott

Last Saturday FBYC held its Closing Day Regatta. The conditions were excellent 15 - 20 Knot Northwesterly winds, a clear blue sky, and temperatures in the 50s. 19 boats had pre-registered for the event and everybody showed up on the starting line except for Wrinkled Sheets, who merged their crew into Eric Power's Neried and Dick Cole's Nutcracker who withdrew out of concern and respect for Aaron Ryan Cramer, a long term crew member who tragically had a heart attack the day before and died at the age of 31. Many members knew him as he was a constant fixture around FBYC in recent years. His premature death cast a pall over the club that weekend.

The Closing Day Regatta is a staggered start race. This means that the slowest boats start first and are given a head start equal to their rating difference on the larger and faster boats. To calculate the handicap starting advantage requires advance knowledge as to the length of the course. I had a new system designed to allow any length course, but ultimately I decided on a windward starting leg, a 6-7 mile run down to L, just off Hole in the wall, a 6-7 mile beat back up to Stingray and a close reach into a finish off Stove Point - with a course length of 16 miles. That set the starting times, and our first starter, Pelican Cay was off at 11:05am.

Morningtide was the next starter, 18 minutes later. It was Russ Collins' first start since the ill-fated Wolf Trap race of September 20, 2004. He was followed by Desperado, in the non-spinnaker class and the rest of the B and Class A boat. The last boats the start were 4 J-105s who crossed the line about 39 minutes after the first boat.

There were some equipment failures and withdrawals. Chilcoot lost a halyard shackle before the race and was unable to start. David Clark's Corryvreckan's jib halyard broke on the

long beat and they were forced to withdraw. Galileo withdraw when they decided to take a short cut home after a beautiful day on the water.

At the finish there were some surprises. Brad Davis and his J-105 Blade Runner took line honors. He left the other J-105s way behind and he was clearly way out in front. I do not recall the last time Brad got a first in fleet at FBYC. The next finisher was Neried who was racing PHRF - A (with a spinnaker). It was not that long ago that Neried was usually in the non-spinnaker class. On this day, they started behind every boat except Wavelength, La Maga, and the J-105s, and they passed every one except Blade Runner. Great job by our Offshore Commander Eric Powers and his crew!

Wavelength was third, Loose Cannon was fourth, La Maga was fifth, and the sixth boat was the second to start. Morningtide had held off every one else and finished 6th overall and first in Class B. Russ, we need to see you out on the race course more often - your performance was outstanding - or maybe your daughter Caroline deserves the credit!

The second B boat was Shenanigan sailed by Miles Booth and one other person! That is not easily done.

Ric Bauer brought beautiful Desperado home as the first non-spinnaker boat.

After the last finisher, Pelican Cay radioed in that all was well, they were having a fine sail, and they granted us permission to head ashore and give out the trophies.

After the race, everybody thanked Kathy Clark, Brooks Zerkle, and me for setting a good course. Looking at their smiles, we could see that had all had a wonderful day sailing at FBYC on the Closing Day Regatta. We agreed to return to run an even better course next October. ☺

FALL SERIES III

Izumi Miller

On October 22, with the advent of crisp cool fall weather, 27 boats raced in 4 Divisions in Fall Series III held at and sponsored by Fishing Bay Yacht Club. The racers placed as follows: in MORC (5 boats), 1st place - Mark Wensell in Mojo, 2nd place - Hunter Davidson in Gray Ghost, 3rd place - Brass Monkey, 4th place - Kobashi Maru, and 5th place - Steve Wirt in Pleione; in Non Spin (6 boats), 1st place - Steve Smith and Don Barfield in Checko, 2nd place - Frank Murphy in Touch of Gray, 3rd place - Ed O'Conner in Wrinkled Sheet, 4th place - Parker Cassidy in Galileo, 5th place - Stephen Radcliffe in Enterprise, and 6th place - David Soule in Soulmate; in PHRF A (9 boats), 1st place - Rob Whittet in Wavelength, 2nd place - Leroi Lissenden in Voodoo Chile, 3rd place - Brad Davis in Blade Runner, 4th place - Strother Scott in Loose Cannon, 5th place - Alex Alvis in Chilcoot, 6th place - Eric Powers in Neried, 7th place - David Clark in Corryvreckan, 8th place - Allan Heyward in La Maga, and 9th place Bob Rock in Shamrock; in PHRF BC (7 boats), 1st place - Miles Booth in Shenanigan, 2nd place - Mike Dale in Juggernaut, 3rd place - David Hinckle in Elancer, 4th place - Brad Miller in Schiehallion, 5th place David Hazlehurst, 6th place - Walter Bundy in Blue Boat, and 7th place James Snowa in Dixie Rose. ☺

Note on Grounds

Chip Hall, Grounds Chairman

The club has several areas that need some "loving gardener" touches on a regular basis. If you would like to help out with the care and maintenance of our several "garden" areas, please call or E-mail Chip Hall at

804-285-2794 or
ce.ja.hall@mindspring.com.

Announcing New Junior Coaches for Summer 2006!

Eric Powers

Junior Division Commander

This coming season should continue FBYC's march towards greater fun and competitive pursuits for all of our junior classes. We are pleased to announce that FBYC has signed two superb, experienced coaches for the upcoming 2006 season. With our coaches already signed for the upcoming season, it is our aim to develop a high quality program that will address the needs of all our kids from beginning Optimist through competitive sailing in Optimist, 420s and Lasers. I'm so excited about our program I want to sign up myself!

Our Head Coach will be Juan Alejandro Cloos, of Argentina, age 44, d)



Juan Alejandro Cloos

who has coached multiple classes from Optimist to 470s and Lasers around the world. Some of you may remember Alejandro from his visit to FBYC this past summer to lead the Ecuadorian team in the Optimist Nationals in Norfolk, VA. Alejandro is currently the Head Coach and Sailing Coordinator at the Salinas Yacht Club in Ecuador and is a good friend and colleague of this past season's FBYC Head Coach Juan Carlos Romero, who this year, successfully led FBYC's Optimist Team through a successful racing campaign throughout the Bay. Among Alejandro's many accomplishments is his coaching and leadership of the 2001-2002 Argentine Olympic Team in Europe

for the 470 and Laser classes and likewise for his country's team at the 1996 Olympic Games held in Atlanta/Savannah, Georgia. His sailing, racing, coaching and training spans many years and includes other classes such as the Snipe, Finn, Penguin and Lightning classes. After growing up sailing Optimists, Alejandro won the 1979 South American Finn Class Championship and in 1980, the Snipe Class Youth World Championship. From 1984 to 1994, he coached Optimist teams through many of the World and South American Championships. Alejandro has had extensive formal training for his Olympic coaching efforts, including IYRU and ISAF classes in race management and judging. Alejandro has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the National Technical University, Argentina and is married with three boys ages 8, 6 and 3. His wife is also an accomplished Optimist coach and will be visiting us along with their sons in July.

The Assistant Coach will be Diego Ravecca from La Plata, Argentina, age 34. Like Alejandro, Diego has



Diego Ravecca

an extensive career in competitive sailing, which began in Optimists and has included coaching many South American Optimist Teams through national and international Championship events in Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru. Most recently, Diego was the Head Coach for the Optimist and Laser Team for the Puerto Lucia Yacht Club in Salinas Ecuador. Here, Diego's teams went up against some of the best Optimist sailors from South America including several led by our Head Coach Alejan-

dros Cloos up the Bay at the Salinas Yacht Club in Ecuador. In 2001, Diego led his team to win the first international championship won by an Optimist Team in Ecuadorian sailing history. That year he also led his Laser Radial team to a fourth in the Bolivarian Games and in the process, gaining his team's best finish in Ecuadorian history. Like Alejandro, Diego has extensive formal training and experience in race management and judging for Optimist and Laser events. In addition, he has a degree in Industrial Design from the National University of LaPlata and is savvy with computers including 3D-modeling and web site design. Diego and Alejandro are good friends and colleagues and look forward to working together to help FBYC sailors become the best on the Bay.

We look forward to working with all interested Junior parents in the coming months to help us develop our program. There will be lots of room for parent volunteers to pitch in to help us with the many aspects of the program from event planning and logistics to team wear sales and other organizational functions. As in previous years, the program will begin in early June (10th) with Opti-Kids followed by Junior Week, which will run from June 19th to the 23rd. Beyond Junior Week we are planning a 9-week extended program that will serve our up and coming sailors at all levels. Kids signing up for the extended program will have the opportunity to engage in regularly scheduled classroom and on-the-water sessions with our professional coaches and then have the opportunity to test their skills at local and/or regional events. Our goal is to bring summer sailing to a higher level of enjoyment and participation for all our juniors by promoting improved sailing skills, safety, sportsmanship and camaraderie. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Junior Division Commander Eric Powers at 804-706-1427. ☺

From the Historian (and Librarian?)....

The Daniel Lee Austin Memorial Library

Jere Dennison

Progress toward the realization of the Daniel Austin Memorial Library in the main clubhouse took a major step in November with the installation of an African mahogany bookcase in the vacant office on the second floor. Created by Mike Karn and Doug Magargee, the bookcase will house books on sailing and other marine subjects donated by members. The core collection will consist of approximately one hundred volumes originally owned by Dan Austin and donated by the Family of Dan Austin in his memory. Other members are encouraged to contribute books as well.

The library is being entirely funded by Friends of Dan Austin that include both members and non-members. Carpet on the floor, furniture, new lighting, and a plaque on the door are also being planned with completion projected later this winter or early spring. When the library is fully operational, it will remain unlocked and be open to both visitors and members alike on an honor system basis. However, books may only be removed from the premises by members who must sign them out and return them within a reasonable time. Juniors will be required to have an adult member co-sign for them.

For individuals who wish to donate books, please contact me or leave them in the library. Write your name inside the cover of each book as we will affix a sticker inside of each identifying it as the property of FBYC and designating the donor's name. Books that will be acceptable for the library are limited to those with subjects of sailing, yacht design, cruising, racing, voyaging destinations, maritime history, marine ecology, seamanship, navigation, meteorology, boat maintenance, etc. Novels with serious nautical themes are welcome as well.

Books donated by the Family of Dan Austin and three other club members already occupy 20 – 25% of the available shelving. This leaves substantial space for additional donations. We plan to borrow one of the small square card tables and four chairs from the main area of the second floor until we can obtain the funds necessary to acquire a permanent table for the library. Since the room will continue to be used occasionally as a protest/meeting room for club events, it is important for us to equip it with furniture that will serve this dual purpose.

Some of our members may not have known Dan. He joined the club in 1972 having crewed aboard Andy Sinnickson's Hughes 38 *Michee-keemoo* and served on the Board in several capacities throughout the years. The sailing bug having bitten hard, he purchased a 505 that he actively campaigned around the region. In 1975, he sold his house in the west end of Richmond, put his furniture in storage, and, with his family of wife and two daughters, moved aboard a Pearson 35 where they spent a glorious winter-free year in the Bahamas. After his return to Richmond, he owned a series of racing boats, a Santana 20 and two J24's, all of which competed on a regular basis at FBYC. In 1985, having become enamored with the type of wooden shallow-draft sailing vessels designed and built by Commodore Ralph Monroe in southern Florida, he purchased a Presto 34 named *Present Mirth*. Dan and I moved his new boat from Kittery, Maine to FBYC in a memorable 17-day journey during the month of November which was made tolerable by a cheery cast iron wood burning stove below and a large stash of rum.

Although he intended to retire from racing and cruise *Present Mirth* on the shallow tributaries of Chesapeake Bay and North Carolina sounds, the competitive juices still flowed, and he continued to tweak his hull and rig for better performance. Bottom work, new sails, new aluminum mast, and a new air-foil shaped centerboard to replace the old wooden slab section combined to produce greater speed. In 1995, his boat finished second in a large fleet of traditional craft at the Turkey Shoot Regatta at Yankee Point Yacht Club then held over the frigid Thanksgiving weekend. He was later featured prominently on the cover of Chesapeake Bay magazine aboard *Present Mirth* during this regatta, and a framed reproduction of this cover currently hangs upstairs in our clubhouse.

In 1997, he sold *Mirth* and purchased a J105 feeling that he had at least "one good sailing campaign" left in him. Besides club racing, he traveled with *Dark Star* to the NOOD Regatta in Annapolis and the Screwpile Regatta at Solomans Island. And he made frequent appearances with our cruising group on trips around the Bay. After selling *Dark Star*, he went kayaking in thin waters, crewed with others, and distinguished himself in club one-design events skippering Flying Scots loaned to him by other members. Tragically, Dan was stricken with pancreatic cancer and died in April, 2003. It is a tribute to his memory that so many sailing friends have so generously donated to the effort to create a library in his name at FBYC. ☺



FBYC FLYING SCOTS TRAVEL – WIN TEAM RACE and “DOUBLOON” DOES A “HORIZON JOB” AT LNYC

John Hubbard

TEAM RACE - On Sunday, October 30, 3 Flying Scots from FBYC and 3 from RRYC (Rappahannock River Yacht Club) traveled to LOWSC (Lake of The Woods Sailing Club) just west of Fredericksburg, to compete for LOWSC's Fall Invitational Team Racing. FBYC was represented by Noel Clinard & Mike Schmidt, Len & Barbara Guenther, John Hubbard & Debbie Cycotte. All together 9 Scots (3 teams of 3) were involved in a series of races to determine the best team. It was great fun, and involved strategies foreign to typical regatta racing, like doubling back on the race course to block and slow opponents while team mates advanced. Fortunately, no spinnakers were used or things could have gotten hairy quickly! FBYC won the day in light and shifty condi-



tions!

“HORIZON JOB” - Nov. 5-6, five FBYC sailors with 2 Flying Scots in tow traveled to LNYC (Lake Norman Yacht Club) in Mooresville, North Carolina. Noel Clinard’s, “*Doubloon*” and John Hubbard’s, “*Fathom Knot II*”, traveled in convoy 6 hrs. to compete at LNYC 8th Annual Fall 48 & Carolina District Flying Scot Championships. Forty-five Scots competed over two beautiful days in winds from 2 to 18 knots.

Larry Vitez, Flying Scot Fleet Captain, and LNYC were excellent hosts. They provided accommodations on the clubs 25 acre site for many of the sailors and provided a good meal and revelry Saturday night. Larry and other Scot sailors gave us the royal treatment as several of their fleet of nearly 50 Scots had attended the Flying Scot ACCs hosted earlier this year by FBYC. Mike Massey brought along our burgee to bestow upon LNYC and they responded in kind.


Noel Clinard and crew, Mike Massey, were the talk of

the day on Saturday when they pulled (as Mike Massey called it) a “Horizon Job” on the fleet. For those who have not a clue what this means A “Horizon Job” is when you are so far ahead of the fleet that the fleet almost loses sight of you over the horizon. Just as “*Doubloon*” was about to cross the finish line however, the Race Committee abandon the race. The RC explanation was that in their judgment it may not have been fair for the rest of the fleet, who by the rules needed to finish within 30 minutes of the first place finisher or be scored DNF.

After discussion amongst the FBYC contingent Clinard lodged a request for redress. The panel of Judges grappled with the situation for a couple hours before “Rebulletizing” “*Doubloon*”. (Perhaps they felt sorry for poor Noel who began the day with a dunking when he slipped off the foredeck of “*Doubloon*”, cell phone, wallet and all, as everyone was leaving the docks).

Top overall honors for the regatta were taken by David & Allyson Neff, of SBSC (Selby Bay Sailing Center) who also won the ACCs hosted earlier this year by FBYC. Your scribe, John Hubbard and crew, Mike Miller and Ellis Hubbard, did get a hard fought bullet in the fifth and final race of the regatta on Sunday. (This helped repair some of the damage from an over early the day before).

LNYC has already invited FBYC Scot Sailors to their Great 48 Regatta the first weekend in May! Having attended their event I expect we’ll be able to get a number of their sailors to come back to FBYC next year! ☺



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Why Hold Invitational Events at FBYC?

Noel Clinard

This year FBYC held the usual Offshore, One-Design/Junior Spring Series, Summer Seabreeze and Fall Series, some drawing visitors from other clubs. A few other regular events, such as the Junior Regattas in June and August, Leukemia Cup in July, Annual One Design in August, Stingray in September, and Indian Summer in October drew more visitors, typically from regional clubs. These events are part of the standard racing fare at FBYC. In addition, FBYC periodically hosts other “invitational” regattas drawing larger numbers of visitors from distant clubs, often in association with class sailing associations, such as the Flying Scot or Laser associations. The latter events are the focus of this article.

During 2005, such invitationals included the Junior Olympics in July, the Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters in September, the Flying Scot Atlantic Coast and Capitol District Championships in September, and the J-29 Invitational in October. Back in 2004, we hosted the Optimist Atlantic Coasts, as well as the 2004 version of the Laser Masters, Flying Scot Districts and J-29 events.

Going forward, we have the opportunity to compete as the venue for other events. For example, FBYC has been invited to propose hosting the Flying Scot North Americans in July 2007. This event could bring 90 - 120 boats with double or triple handed crews, plus judges and class representatives. Recently, Jay Buhl asked me to chair a committee examining the feasibility of a proposal for this event. I welcome the input of every member on this question and write this article to spur discussion.

Without a doubt, these events sometimes stretch the capacity of our cooking, bathroom and launching facilities, tax the resources of our race management, and require careful policing to avoid disturbing our neighbors, or make members ask “whose club is this anyway?”. Delicately balancing those issues is the task of each Event Chair who takes on these challenging assignments. Having chaired two of the large Junior events, I’ll readily admit that I did not do some things as well as others and came away trying to think of ways to do them better next time. Nevertheless, on balance, I think an appropriate number and mix of these events is healthy for FBYC.

One misperception is that these events are subsidized financially by the membership. Actually, they are not. These events are carefully planned to break even or actually generate revenue for the club. In fact, there is nothing more remunerative to the club than the substantial “late fees” applied to registration for these events with the full blessing of the class association. Properly managed, the retail and food operations generate substantial revenue. For example, by delegating the design and production cost, and the inventory risk, to a national vendor, FBYC made almost \$2,000 on apparel sales at the Optimist Atlantic Coasts in 2004. The proposed 2007 Flying Scot North Americans has had registration fees of \$135 (timely) and \$180 (late). Proper event management with such fees should yield a positive revenue stream.

Any member who has competed in, or managed, these events will tell you that the larger number of boats and increased competition level make these events more fun and instructive. Nothing gets the adrenaline going like 50 or more boats on the line and dozens rounding the marks together. The skill levels and rules understanding of FBYC participants is improved. Competence and confidence of club race management is enhanced by the challenges of large events.

The prestige of the club in sailing circles is raised by these events. Visitors who might never have seen FBYC admire our facilities and hospitality and go home to tell others about it. In today’s mobile society, today’s listener may be tomorrow’s FBYC member. Members of other local clubs who yearn for greater competition and race quality may be more likely to migrate to FBYC. The larger events get publicized more in national and class publication, spreading the word on our fantastic club.

As John Hubbard, Mike Massie, Mike Miller and I recently learned, the returns on hosting a nice regatta at FBYC include a regal reception at a distant club like Lake Norman. Folks we had gotten to know or hosted at FBYC met us in the evening, showed us where to park, made special arrangements for lodging, and numerous other special treatments. They, too, learned from our discussions of how we built our new clubhouse as they embark on a similar venture. In short, our sailing community was expanded by the experience.

These events inspire closer contact with the various class sailing organizations, whether they be the Flying Scot Sailing Association, the United States Optimist Dinghy Association, or others. The associations send representatives to monitor and judge our event and our race officials have the opportunity to operate under stricter scrutiny while improving their own performance and knowledge.

The experience of running these events tests our facilities and layout and shows us ways we can improve. The Optimist event demonstrated the utility of a separate temporary plywood ramp for hand launching from the new property. That ramp is now a permanent reality in our new grass ramp and our Junior and One design program are the better for it.

Recent events have demonstrated that these larger events bring significant returns for the economy of the community. Hundreds of sailors and their families stay for several days and spend money on lodging, food and various entertainments from Williamsburg to Busch Gardens. Appropriate articles in the local newspaper remind the community that we are making a contribution to the local economy.

These, in my view, are just some of the benefits of hosting invitational events. I welcome discussion or dissenting views as part of the process for considering the Flying Scot Event in 2007. ☺

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will make sailing easier and more convenient, and the list goes on. When we go to use our Club facilities we should feel confident that they will perform as we expect, event after event. Reliability makes it easy to be a successful volunteer and let's face it, none of us likes surprises and most especially when we are in our recreation time. The diligence I have seen by our volunteers to try and improve the reliability of our assets is terrific, let's keep it up.

And speaking of reliability, my sincere apologies are extended to the competitors for the Offshore Long Distance Series. The awards and announcement of winners should have taken place at the Annual Awards and was overlooked, the buck stops here, and I assure you we've taken steps to be sure that won't happen again (results are included in this Log on page 14 with awards to be presented at the Bermuda High Party). This series recognizes Offshore sail-

ors who compete throughout the year in a variety of long distance races including FBYC to Urbanna, the Moonlight Regatta, the July Point to Point Race, Smith Point Race, and Wolf Trap Race, and we are very proud of our participants in this series.

All of you who rent slips or storage space from FBYC will receive a "Slip/Storage Lease Agreement" when you renew or enroll for 2006. This Agreement is a concise documentation of terms so that both you and those who have volunteered to oversee our facilities are in alignment. It puts reliability into the relationship, and I appreciate the research and hard work that went into developing it.

Time now for us all to get back to scheduling next year, preparing for winter programs, repairing our facilities, and enjoying the Wednesday night dinners at FBYC. Have a wonderful and safe holiday season. ☺

Increasing One Design Participation.

David Hazelhurst

Strother Scott and the writer represented the club at the US Sailing 2005 One-Design Sailing Symposium in Annapolis November 19-20 arriving home just in time to meet the deadline for December Log items. A more detailed report will follow in the next Log, but some few of the many ideas we heard that are applicable to FBYC, a destination club versus one you can reach with a 30 minute or less drive from your office or home include;

Promoting total family sailing instead of parents sitting idle while juniors sail, promoting events that are fun, and in doing this putting little used boats on the water,

Persuading owners of boats they no longer use to either sell them or let others use them; we learnt that liability/insurance requirements are easily avoided,

Keep looking for members and non-members to join in all events and never underestimate the number of people who

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might want to try sailing, they are everywhere so never stop looking, and

Never forget that the value of your boat depends on the success of your class, so that you help yourself in many different ways by getting more people to join you on the water. Finally my personal favorite for family togetherness, the parent who told her children "your two hours of soccer is out, we are all going sailing ". Sounds like setting priorities to me, rather than letting the off-spring tail wag the family dog, but I doubt it will work for everyone.

Stay tuned for a follow up report. ☺

Long Distance Series 2005 Results

PHRF-A Division had 9 Starters;

PHRF-A: 1st Place – Blade Runner, Brad Davis
PHRF-A: 2nd Place – LaMaga, Allen Heyward
PHRF-A: 3rd Place – Corryvreckan, David Clark
PHRF-A: 4th Place - Voodoo Chile, Leroi Lissenden

PHRF-B Division had 6 Starters

PHRF-B: 1st Place – Schiehallion Brad Miller
PHRF-B: 2nd Place – Trilogy, Wayland Rennie
PHRF-B: 3rd Place – Elancer, David Hinckle

PHRF-NS Division had 10 Starters

PHRF-NS 1st Place – Enterprise, Stephen Radcliffe
PHRF-NS 2nd Place – Desperado, Rick Bauer
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